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House of Representatives

This being the day fixed by the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Public Law 104-296 for the meeting of the Congress of the United States, the Members-elect of the 105th Congress met in their Hall, and at 12 noon were called to order by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Hon. Robin H. Carle.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Oh, gracious God, from whom we have come and to whom we belong, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude for all the blessings You have freely bestowed on us and the people of this Nation, and also for the responsibilities that You have entrusted to those who serve in this place.

On this first day of a new Congress, we speak with the words of the Psalmist: Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Grant us, oh God, a keen awareness of the areas of life where we can serve the people of the land, and, as the scripture says, let justice flow down as waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.

May we continue to build on the foundations laid down from the early days of the Nation, that in all things we may do justice, love mercy, and ever walk humbly with you.

May Your benediction, oh God, that is new every morning and is with us all the days of our lives, be upon all who serve in this place now and evermore, amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CLERK. The Members-elect and their guests will please rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The CLERK. Representatives-elect, this is the day fixed by the 20th amendment to the Constitution and Public Law 104-296 for the meeting of the 105th Congress and, as the law directs, the Clerk of the House has prepared the official roll of the Representatives-elect.

Certificates of election covering 435 seats in the 105th Congress have been received by the Clerk of the House, and the names of those persons whose credentials show that they were regularly elected as Representatives in accordance with the laws of their respective States or of the United States will be called.

Without objection, the Representatives-elect will record their presence by electronic device and their names will be reported in alphabetical order by States, beginning with the State of Alabama, to determine whether a quorum is present.

There was no objection.

The call was taken by electronic device, and the following Representatives-elect responded to their names:

[Roll No. 1]

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—432

ALABAMA

Aderholt	Cramer	Riley
Bachus	Everett	
Callahan	Hilliard	

ALASKA

Young

ARIZONA

Hayworth	Pastor	Shadegg
Kolbe	Salmon	Stump

ARKANSAS

Berry	Hutchinson
Dickey	Snyder

CALIFORNIA

Becerra	Condit	Eshoo
Berman	Cox	Farr
Bilbray	Cunningham	Fazio
Bono	Dellums	Filner
Brown	Dixon	Gallegly
Calvert	Dooley	Harman
Campbell	Doolittle	Herger
Capps	Dreier	Horn

Hunter	Miller	Sanchez
Kim	Packard	Sherman
Lantos	Pelosi	Stark
Lewis	Pombo	Tauscher
Lofgren	Radanovich	Thomas
Martinez	Riggs	Torres
Matsui	Rogan	Waters
McKeon	Rohrabacher	Waxman
Millender-McDonald	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
	Royce	

COLORADO

DeGette	McInnis	Schaffer
Hefley	Schaefer	Skaggs

CONNECTICUT

DeLauro	Johnson	Maloney
Gejdenson	Kennelly	Shays

DELAWARE

Castle

FLORIDA

Bilirakis	Fowler	Scarborough
Boyd	Goss	Shaw
Brown	Hastings	Stearns
Canady	McCollum	Thurman
Davis	Meek	Weldon
Deutsch	Mica	Wexler
Diaz-Balart	Miller	Young
Foley	Ros-Lehtinen	

GEORGIA

Barr	Deal	Linder
Bishop	Gingrich	McKinney
Chambliss	Kingston	Norwood
Collins	Lewis	

HAWAII

Abercrombie	Mink
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IDAHO

Chenoweth	Crapo
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ILLINOIS

Blagojevich	Gutierrez	Porter
Costello	Hastert	Poshard
Crane	Hyde	Rush
Davis	Jackson	Shimkus
Evans	LaHood	Weller
Ewing	Lipinski	Yates
Fawell	Manzullo	

INDIANA

Burton	Hostettler	Souder
Buyer	McIntosh	Visclosky
Carson	Pease	
Hamilton	Roemer	

IOWA

Boswell	Latham	Nussle
Ganske	Leach	

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Moran Ryun	KANSAS		Kaptur Kasich Kucinich LaTourette Ney	Oxley Portman Pryce Regula Sawyer	Stokes Strickland Traficant	
Baesler Bunning	KENTUCKY			OKLAHOMA		
	Lewis Northup	Rogers Whitfield	Coburn Istook	Largent Lucas	Watkins Watts	
Baker Cooksey Jefferson	LOUISIANA			OREGON		
	John Livingston McCrery	Tauzin	Blumenauer DeFazio	Furse Hooley	Smith	
Allen	MAINE			PENNSYLVANIA		
	Baldacci		Borski Coyne Doyle English Fattah Foglietta Fox	Gekas Goodling Greenwood Holden Kanjorski Klink Mascara	McDade McHale Murtha Peterson Pitts Shuster Weldon	
Bartlett Cardin Cummings	MARYLAND			RHODE ISLAND		
	Ehrlich Gilchrist Hoyer	Morella Wynn		Weygand		
Delahunt Frank Kennedy Markey	MASSACHUSETTS		Kennedy	SOUTH CAROLINA		
	McGovern Meehan Moakley Neal	Olver Tierney	Clyburn Graham	Inglis Sanford	Spence Spratt	
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	Hoekstra Kildee Kilpatrick Knollenberg Levin Rivers	Smith Stabenow Stupak Upton		Thune		
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	Oberstar Peterson Ramstad	Sabo Vento	Archer Armey Barton Bentsen Bonilla Brady Combest DeLay Doggett Edwards	Ford Gordon Hilleary	Jenkins Tanner Wamp	
Parker Pickering	MISSISSIPPI			TEXAS		
	Taylor Thompson	Wicker		Frost Gonzalez Granger Green Hall Hinojosa Jackson-Lee Johnson Lampson Ortiz	Paul Reyes Sandlin Sessions Smith Stenholm Tejeda Thornberry Turner	
Blunt Clay Danner	MISSOURI			UTAH		
	Emerson Gephardt Hulshof	McCarthy Skelton Talent	Cannon	Cook	Hansen	
	MONTANA			VERMONT		
	Hill			Sanders		
Barrett	NEBRASKA			VIRGINIA		
	Bereuter	Christensen	Bateman Bliley Boucher Davis	Goode Goodlatte Moran Pickett	Scott Sisisky Wolf	
Ensign	NEVADA			WASHINGTON		
	Gibbons		Dicks Dunn Hastings	McDermott Metcalf Nethercutt	Smith, Adam Smith, Linda White	
Bass	NEW HAMPSHIRE		Mollohan	WEST VIRGINIA		
	Sununu		Barrett Johnson Kind	Rahall	Wise	
Andrews Franks Frelinghuysen LoBiondo Menendez	NEW JERSEY			WISCONSIN		
	Pallone Pappas Pascrell Payne Rothman	Roukema Saxton Smith		Klecza Klug Neumann	Obey Petri Sensenbrenner	
Richardson	NEW MEXICO			WYOMING		
	Schiff	Skeen		Cubin		
Ackerman Boehlert Engel Flake Forbes Gilman Hinchey Houghton Kelly King LaFalce	NEW YORK			□ 1233		
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Ballenger Burr Clayton Coble	NORTH CAROLINA		ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK			
	Etheridge Hefner Jones McIntyre	Myrick Price Taylor Watt	The CLERK. The Clerk will state the credentials, regular in form, have been received showing the election of the Honorable CARLOS ROMERO-BARCELÓ as Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for a term of 4 years beginning January 3, 1997; the			
Boehner Brown	NORTH DAKOTA					
	Pomeroy					
	OHIO					
	Chabot Gilmor	Hall Hobson				

election of the Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON as Delegate from the District of Columbia; the election of the Honorable DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN as Delegate from the Virgin Islands; the election of the Honorable ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA as Delegate from American Samoa; and the election of the Honorable ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD as Delegate from Guam.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CLERK. Pursuant to law and to precedent, the next order of business is the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

Nominations are now in order.

The Clerk recognizes the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Clerk, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I am honored and privileged to welcome my colleagues, their families, and the American people to this historic day.

Two years ago we began a new chapter in American history, one of faith in the strength, creativity and goodness of Americans; one where we humbly recognize that although the people sent us here to do their business, we cannot do our job without their consent and their support.

With their support, we began to change America by reforming Washington. And together, we will ensure our reforms improve Americans' quality of life. We will balance the budget, provide permanent tax relief, safer streets, better schools, a cleaner environment, and longer healthier lives with more affordable health care. It is an ambitious agenda, but it is what we were sent here to do. And we owe the American people nothing less.

With pride in what we have accomplished in the past and anticipation of what we can do together in the future, I am directed by a unanimous vote of the Republican Conference to present the name of the Honorable NEWT GINGRICH, a Representative-elect from the State of Georgia, for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OFFERED BY MR. FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] for a nomination.

Mr. FAZIO of California. Madam Clerk, I rise to a question of the highest constitutional privilege. I offer a resolution which calls for the postponement of the election of the Speaker of the House until the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct completes its work on the matters concerning Representative NEWT GINGRICH of Georgia. The resolution requires the House to proceed immediately to the election of an interim Speaker who will preside over the House until that time.

I ask for the immediate consideration of the resolution.

The CLERK. Section 30 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which is